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TWO HOLIDAYS COMING UP IN OCTOBER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The District Office will be closed on Monday, 11 October '76 in observance of Columbus Day. On Monday, 25 October '76, the Office will close in honor of Veteran's Day.



Goodbye -- Good Luck!

Congratulations to Sandy Rosenfeld who is going to MAC Headquarters at Scott AFB for a promotion and to further his career goals in Labor-Management Relations. Sandy will be bringing to his new staff Labor job, a lot of varied experience and knowledge gained through his nine years in the Personnel Administration field.

We will be sorry to see him go, not only because of his experience, but the personal touch he adds to the job makes him a person others seek out. Sandy's last day here will be 8 October. There will be no going away party, but those of you who want to say good-bye are welcome to do so.

We all wish Sandy the best of luck. Done!

1976 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The people who make up the St. Louis District have traditionally demonstrated a sincere commitment to help those who could not help themselves by contributing generously to the Combined Federal Campaign. This year should be no exception.

Our 1976 Campaign will kickoff with a District Office rally 30 September and a Service Base rally on 4 October. Before the Campaign ends on 22 October, each of us will have had the opportunity to show our compassion and support for the countless people who benefit from the work of the United Way agencies, The National Health agencies and the International Service agencies.

Please have charity in your heart when you make your contribution.

UNITED WAY AGENCIES - COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN



Your  gift
helps
all of us.



DISTRICT DOINGS

With the arrival of the Autumnal Equinox comes those beautiful fall days and with fall the changes that make the Corps lakes and lands take on a new face and foliage while hardy fishermen still ply the waters, they share the areas with hunters for upland game and waterfowl. And we have plenty of it...Rend Lake with dove and goose shooting, Carlyle the number one duck hunting spot in the State of Illinois and Cannon with fine quail and deer spots plus Meramec...just coming into it's own with some fine game locations.

Now for a run down on the month's very busy activities. . . starting around the horn with Shelbyville....

The Shelby 4-H Fair saw four days with 7,228 visitors seeing the Corps exhibit. The staff at the lake hosted CETA and Youth Conservation Corps youths from Shelbyville, Oakland, Lovington, St. Elmo, Neoga...411 strong during August. Mike Skinner told the 65 members of the Mattoon Rotary Club about Wildlife management at the lakes.

Down at Carlyle, Al Le Grand and Bob Deien hosted Congressman Bud Schuster, his wife and family on a lake tour. Congressman Schuster is all the way from Pennsylvania. Roger Hayes took 25 visitors on a tour of Carlyle wildlife areas.

In the Big Muddy - Rend Lake location, Gene Morgan and Lowell Summers attended a four day session at SIU for the Association of Interpretive Naturalists, entering a total of six slides of their work. They achieved one first place and two second place awards for the slides.

The mighty ? trickle that is the Meramec still has an interest for a lot of folks. Mel Doernhoefer talked to several groups namely the Meramec Township Democratic Club, Crawford County Citizens public meeting, Outdoors Unlimited Sportsmen's Club and the Grace Group couples from the Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood.

Lock and Dam # 26 - - another topic of wide national scope is also getting alot of attention. Colonel McKinney along with Bill Sutton briefed Illinois Secretary of State and gubernatorial candidate Michael Howlett and then the members of the Greater Alton Chamber of Commerce who were meeting with the Wood River group. Colonel McKinney and Ken Koller also briefed Mr. Charles Abalard, Chief Counsel for the Department of the Army and spoke to the Associate of Iron and Steel Engineers. On the first session with Mr. Abalard, the Colonel was assisted by Larry Wright and Harold Rogers. Bill Sutton spoke to the Aeronautic Society here in St. Louis and the Iowa Department of Transportation. Ken Koller, meanwhile addressed the Purchasing Association.

Among other happenings, Leon Leach talked to the St. Louis Mid-City Optomists about reservoir management. John Brady presented a technical paper to the 7th Annual World Dredging Conference about the Environmental Implications of Dredge Material Disposal on the Upper Mississippi River. Colonel McKinney briefed Brigadier General Junot of TROSCOM on the St. Louis District. Colonel McKinney also had the opportunity to meet with the Propellor Club. Mel Doernhoefer journeyed down to SIU-Carbon-dale to tape a TV show on Channel 8 about the Corps history and projects. The show is due for broadcast on October 15th. We also participated in the Annual Meramec Clean Stream work.

Finally, at Cannon with the local Clarence Cannon Dam Association picnic at the Dam.. a Big event. Otto Steffens and Major Art Gardner combined to give a talk and tour for 30 members of the Vandalia, Mo. Business and Professional Mens Association. Major Gardner also took about 30 Hannibal Boy Scouts on a site tour.

Big month and bigger things ahead...and let's get some rain for our poor low water rivers.....

Energy Conservation Committee

The following changes have been made to the District Energy Conservation Committee:

Chairman: Bobby Hughey ED (Replaced Warren Hartke, OD)

Members: Lafayette Kugler AS
Len Ross CD
Elias Hydar DC
Marvin Ortwerth ED (Replaced Walt Snow, ED)
Sandy Rosenfeld PB (Replaced Len Alfeld, PB)
Lou Hambuechen RE
Joe Bisher SD
Hobie Harris OD
Joe Stokes GSA Representative

The Energy Committee meets each month to discuss problems and ideas concerning energy conservation in attempting to maintain President Ford's energy goals for this year. The energy goals for this year are to maintain the reduced consumption realized during the last Fiscal Year.

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ENERGY/SAVINGS TIP

Tune up that family car while the weather permits or have the work done soon. Cold weather will soon be here.

Internal combustion engines generally run less efficiently in cold, damp weather than under any other condition. Make sure items like sparkplugs, points, condenser, rotor, and distributor cap, the battery, carburetor and air intake system, are all in good condition, or replace them for top performance.

Check the oil and cooling systems. Change the oil and filter if needed, and make sure you have the proper anti-freeze protection - in this area, down to -25° is more than adequate.

Sure it costs! But how much more will it cost three, four, or five months from now, when you're stranded on a downtown parking lot in snow or freezing rain, with a car that must be towed to the garage.

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COLD WEATHER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Since cooler weather will soon be with us, your District Energy Conservation Committee is reminding you of a few tips to help keep you comfortable this Winter without letting your heating bills go "out of sight":

Maintain thermostats at 65-68 degrees during the day and 55 degrees at night. If these settings are 6 degrees lower than they were last year, heating costs should run almost 15 percent less. (Remember, each degree above 70 degrees requires 3 percent more fuel.)

Have your furnace serviced once a year, preferably each Fall. Adjustment could mean a saving of 10 percent in family fuel consumption. Change filters regularly. Oil the fan and tighten fan belt. Make sure thermostat is working properly.

Consider the advantages of a clock thermostat which will automatically turn the heat down at a regular hour before you retire and turn it up before you awake.

Dust or vacuum radiator surfaces frequently.

Keep draperies and shades open in sunny windows; close them at night.

For comfort in cooler indoor temperatures, use the best insulation of all -- warm clothing.

Prepare for possible fuel failures by providing alternate heat sources, such as a fireplace. (Logs made from discarded newspaper are a free source of heat.)

Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows. This inexpensive measure, which the householder can do, could reduce the family's fuel costs by 10 percent or more.


Install storm windows and doors. Combination screen and storm windows are the most convenient because they do not require removal when the temperature is moderate and open windows are desirable. Conventional storm windows cost about \$20 each, but a sheet of clear plastic film tightly taped to the frames can be equally effective, and the entire cost for the average home would be around \$7 (renters might prefer this low-cost method.) Either type of protection could reduce individual fuel costs by about 15 percent and make the home more comfortable year around.

Insulate the attic and walls. Install mineral wool, glass fiber or cellulose insulation to a depth of 6 inches in the attic. Heating costs should drop about 20 percent. Installation of insulation in the walls also yields a large energy saving but requires special equipment and professional help. Insulate floors too, especially those over cold basements and garages.

Use bath and kitchen ventilating fans only as needed.

Be sure the fireplace damper is closed except when the fire is going.

Build "skirts" around exposed base of floors, especially mobile homes.



**HOT IDEAS
ARE NEEDED!**

- reduce costs
- increase productivity
- conserve energy

submit your suggestions
to the
Incentive Awards Clerk
PB-M (ROOM 955)

WORD PROCESSING PROGRESS REPORT

As of 17 September 1976, the supplement to our 1975 Word Processing Study has been forwarded, with TAA Staff comments, to the District Engineer for approval. Once the supplement is approved, it will be forwarded through LMVD to OCE and Department of the Army.

More questions and answers:

a. How does a word processing center differ from a typing pool?

Answer: Obviously, the sophistication of equipment and procedures utilized in a w.p. center, as well as the level of skill and talent required, distinguishes it from a typing pool. Not quite as obvious is the fact that typing pools are normally very restrictive in terms of the work performed, usually handling only general typing. Word processing centers are capable of absorbing almost every typing need in the District. The work will be varied and interesting because an operator will be handling the output of many authors, often working directly with these people on a one to one basis. Operators will not be "chained" to the typewriter - nor will they be constantly interrupted with telephone calls, etc.

b. What kind of opportunities does a center offer? Answer: A center environment extends the opportunity for advancement to top secretarial levels and also creates secretarial management positions. Editorial skills will be extremely important in the higher grade positions, demanding competence in grammar, spelling, etc. Your supervisor will be one who understands your job and can adequately evaluate you. This person can also be of great assistance in helping you attain your career goals through training and development. Since each center will be serving a number of Divisions and Offices, operators will become more aware of the "Total District" and the opportunities that are available. They will be able to apply for announced positions in any of the centers and, of course, outside of the centers.

c. Will a secretary who doesn't handle typing lose control of projects or knowledge of what is going on? Answer: Documents will continue to pass through the administrative secretary for proofreading, etc. Without typing responsibilities, the secretary will probably initiate more of the correspondence at the dictation stage.

It must be realized that the ins and outs of a word processing center operation cannot be detailed at this stage of the game. Of utmost importance are the center procedures, and these are determined by the supervisor, the operators, and the users. Before we attempt to establish procedures for our centers, we will spend time viewing successful operations and learning from others' mistakes and experiences. More on this subject in the next report. Keep those questions coming!!

- BARBARA L. COLLIER
Chief, AS

A Hearty welcome is extended to our new employees listed below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ORG</u>
Richard K. Ullman	Deckhand	Dredge Kennedy
Welton J. Joggerst	Deckhand	Dredge Kennedy
Michael E. Dorey	Deckhand	Dredge Kennedy
Ronald E. Hillian	Food Service	Dredge Kennedy
Ray Hart	Deckhand	Dredge Kennedy
Talmus E. Ayers	Deckhand	Dredge Kennedy
Albert H. Gray	Cabin Attendant	Dredge Kennedy
Carl J. Okenfuss	Deckhand	Dredge Kennedy
Thomas J. Winston	Deckhand	Dredge Kennedy
Bruce E. Sherrill	Marine Oiler	Dredge Kennedy
Philip J. Oberle	Deckhand	Dredge Ste. Genevieve
William H. Triggs	Fireman-Watertender	Dredge Ste. Genevieve
William E. Rehbein	Fireman-Watertender	Dredge Ste. Genevieve
Michael D. Groves	Deckhand	Dredge Ste. Genevieve

COUNCIL CORNER:

The Council wants to thank all who made our bake sale in August a success. Once more your contributions, and hunger, combined in a successful fund raiser. Thank You.

Coming up in November is the Arts and Crafts Bazaar. Currently scheduled for Wednesday, 17 November 1976, the bazaar should afford us all an opportunity to display our creativity. Employees who wish to sell an item for themselves or their family should contact Sharon McGee, Ext. 2121, to reserve a space. If the response warrants we may be able to extend the time for the bazaar. So contact Sharon now. We are also looking for donations of unwanted paperback or hardcover books to sell at the bazaar.

Don't forget the Annual Dinner Dance to be held Saturday, 4 December 1976, at Augustines Restaurant in Belleville, Illinois. Our dinner dance has always been a chance to see friends and have a good time. More details will follow, but save that Saturday for the dinner dance.

Late vacationers who plan a trip for a weekend, or a week, should contact us for discount tickets and vacation club information. Discounts to Silver Dollar City, Disneyland, and Disneyworld are available. Contact Tim Corbett, Ext. 3915, if you are interested. NOTE: The National Crafts Festival at Silver Dollar City will run from 18 September to 10 October 1976. Silver Dollar City closes 31 October 1976.

Attention Bicentennial buffs. Corps of Engineers Commemorative Plate and Mugs, available last year, are again being offered for a limited time. Orders received at the manufacturer through 31 December 1976 will be processed. An announcement concerning this offer and an order blank for the Commemorative Plate and Mugs were recently distributed. All orders should be submitted by 17 December 1976. Also available from Council members are Bicentennial Commemorative Medals honoring Federal civilian and military personnel for the past work in the St. Louis area.

Apologies to Al Watkins whose name was omitted from the list in the last Information Bulletin.

CERTIFIED ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Alfred A. Watkins

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIBRARY

The highlight this month is on the recreational reading materials we have in the District Library. You may not be aware but we do receive a variety of magazines and newsletters that are non-technical. Besides providing some spectacular photography, many of these magazines have informative articles. Some of these are NATIONAL WILDLIFE, NATURAL HISTORY, AUDUBON, and MISSOURI LIFE. These particular ones are typical of those we have which you could enjoy during your lunch hour or break. If gardening is your pasttime you would enjoy the MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN BULLETIN. This monthly newsletter features an article, "Gardening in St. Louis" which gives tips on lawn, tree and garden care written by their staff horticulturist. A seafood enthusiast would profit by reading the monthly magazine NOAA which prints some delicious-sounding seafood recipes in each issue. Last, for those of you who are interested in keeping abreast of what's happening with the Civil Service Commission in Washington you should read the FEDERAL EMPLOYEES NEWS DIGEST. This weekly newsletter provides you with timely information about other Government agency happenings, labor-management relations cases, and, of course, cost-of-living increases.


Thinking of taking the next PACE test in November?
The District Library now has several copies for loan of the ARCO book, PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CAREER EXAMINATION. This self-tutor book is just what you need to review and prepare yourself for the test.

If you would like to fill the gaps in your personal collection of the ASCE journals, the library will be discarding the 1973 and 1974 issues of most of them. On October 12 and 13 we will have them available for you in Room 944.

OVERSEAS VACANCY LIST

<u>RQN. NO.</u>	<u>POSITION TITLE, SERIES AND GRADE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>GERMANY</u>		
EUD 75-71	Civ Engr, GS-810-12	Frankfurt
EUD 76-34	Civ Engr, Supv, GS-810-13	Frankfurt
EUD 76-20	Civ Engr, GS-810-11	Frankfurt,
EUD 76-21		Fulda
EUD 75-87	Elec Engr, GS-850-12	Frankfurt
EUD 76-28	Mech Engr, GS-830-12	Frankfurt
2682-76-63	Engrg Tech, GS-802-9	Heilbronn
2682-76-61	Sanitary Engr, GS-819-12	Stuttgart
<u>HAWAII</u>		
PODO 76-18-10	Hydraulic Engr, GS-810-12	Honolulu
PODO 76-2	Attorney-Advisor (Gen), GS-905-14	Honolulu
<u>ITALY</u>		
EUD 76-30	Architect, GS-808-12	Leghorn
EUD 76-29	Elec Engr, GS-850-12	Leghorn
EUD 76-30	Mech Engr, GS-830-12	Leghorn
<u>JAPAN</u>		
JPN 76-18-84B	Civ Engr, Supv, GS-810-12	Misawa AB
<u>KOREA</u>		
KOR 76-18-271	Civ Engr, Supv, GS-810-13	Seoul
KOR 77-18-1	Civ Engr, GS-810-12	Seoul
KOR 76-18-288	Mech Engr, Supv, GS-830-12	Seoul
<u>SAUDI ARABIA</u>		
MDD 76-1-67	Civ Engr, GS-810-13	Riyadh
MDD 76-1-38	Civ Engr, GS-810-12	Riyadh
(2 positions)		
MDD 76-1-25	Civ Engr/CET, GS-810/802-12	Riyadh
MDD 76-1-63	Civ Engr Tech, GS-802-11	Riyadh
MDD 76-1-73	Civ Engr Tech, GS-802-9	Riyadh
76-2-40	Mail & Field Clerk, GS-305-4	Riyadh
MDD 76-2-30	Mech Engr/Tech, GS-830/802-11	Dhahran
MDD 75-2-200	Proc Agent, GS-1102-9/11	Dhahran,
		Riyadh
76-2-43	Teletypist, GS-385-4	Riyadh
76-1-74	Voucher Examiner, GS-540-6	Riyadh

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:


 GEORGE A. ANDERSON
 Personnel Officer

UNOFFICIAL

The Bogey Barons triumphed over the Duffers in the playoffs for the St. Louis Engineer District 1976 Gold Championship, proving that skill and ability beat luck every time! Because of his brilliant strategy and skillful management as Acting Captain, Mr. Gerald Schwalbe (ED-BP) has been unanimously elected permanent Captain of the Bogey Barons and official beer runner for the 1977 season. Other team members of the Bogey Barons include: Charlie Denzel (ED-HD), Art Johnson (ED-X), Ron Lindsay (ED-BP), Ron Wernitznig (RO-F), Dick Pearce (AS-P), Fred Bader, Rich Mills and Gary Dyhouse (ED-HE). The Duffers (who lived up to their name) include: Bill Sutton (ED-Z), Bill Meldrum (ED-SC), Paul Olson (ED-SM), Paul (He's a golfer?) Nadziejko (VE), Wally Wagner (ED-DM), Darrell Hibbits (ED-FS), Bob Daniel (ED-BE) and Ron Messerli (OD-NP).

Submitted by Gary Dyhouse

SHAPE UP TIME:

Your health is directly related to your physical condition. For those interested in maintaining or improving their physical condition memberships are available at a discount for a limited period of time in the Downtown Branch of the YMCA. Excellent facilities are available for men and women. Contact Marv Orthwerth, Ext. 2135, for further details.

FOR SALE:

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Call C. Strauser at Area Code: 314 468-8962 after 6:00 p.m.

5 Bedroom ranch, 3 baths, separate suite, large family room with fireplace.
Contact Jim Dean, Ext. 2872. After 6:00 p.m. call 822-2135

Magician's Props. Beginner to Professional. Contact Jim Folkl at Ext. 3971.